| S.No. | Name of State/UT | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12. | Orissa | NIL | NIL | 10,00,000 |
| 13. | Pondicherry | 27,39,806 | 26,85,194 | 30,00,000 |
| 14. | Tamil Nadu | 14,87,500 | 40,00,000 | 70,65,500 |
| 15. | Tripura | 17,35,000 | 10,72,500 | 7,15,000 |
| 16. | Uttar Pradesh | 23,60,000 | 72,52,500 | 15,00,000 |
| 17. | West Bengal | 26,25,000 | 36,00,000 | — |
| | Total | 3,25,20,178 | 5,42,87,999 | 3,02,65,500 |

**Fishing Harbours at Orissa Coast**

2312. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the fishing harbours damaged in orissa due to cyclone last year and the steps taken to repair them;

(b) whether the proposal to construct some fishing harbours in that State was under the consideration of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to construct those fishing harbours; and .

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per the report received from the Government of Orissa, three fishing Harbours and 19 Fish Landing Centres have been damaged due to recent cyclone in Orissa. The Department of Fisheries has moved the State Government for provision of funds.

(b) to (d) No Sir, Does not arise.

**Suitable price for crops**

†2313. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to make any specific arrangement to provide suitable price to the farmers for their crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Under the present price policy for agricultural commodities, the Government announces each season minimum support prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities and organiszes purchase operations through public and cooperative agencies, such as Food Corporation of India, Jute Corporation of India, Cotton Corporation of India, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) and Tobacco Board, besides other agencies designated by the State Governments. The MSPs fixed by the Government not only cover cost of production, but also a reasonable margin of profit as an incentive to the farmers to invest and improve production and productivity.

(c) Does not arise.

**Scheme for Fruit Production in Maharashtra**

2314. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released funds to the Government of Maharashtra under the scheme for establishment of nurseries, tissue culture units, area expansion etc. for the development of fruit production in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether funds for the purpose have also been earmarked for 1999-2000;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) achievements of the State after extending the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) The assistance provided to the Governemnt of Maharashtra under the Central Sector Scheme on Development of Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zone Fruits during the last three years is as follows:—

*(Rs. in lakh)*

| Year | Amount |
|---|---|
| 1996-97 | 124.20 |
| 1997-98 | 100.00 |
| 1998-99 | 214.00 |